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SUPERMAN™



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TEEN+

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**GUY GARDNER TAKES ON MANHUNTER ANDROIDS, SPACE APES,
INTERNAL AFFAIRS...AND FELLOW LANTERN JOHN STEWART?!**

TALES OF THE
GREEN LANTERN
GUY GARDNER
CORPS

FROM THE *DEADPOOL* TEAM OF
GERRY DUGGAN
AND **MATTEO LOLLI**
COVER BY **EDWIN GALMON**



ALL IN

A ONE-SHOT
ON SALE
MAY



**MONTHS
AGO.**

IRONS...
NEED YOU ON
THE FLOOR.



SUPPOSED
TO BE CLOCKING
OUT. BEEN HERE
SINCE *FIVE*.

HEY, YOU
WANT THIS
JOB, OR DON'T
YA? THOUGHT
YOU HAD A *SICK*
MOMMA OR
SOMETHING.



REMINO HIM OF
THE *FAIR LABOR*
STANDARDS ACT.
THREATEN TO GO TO
*OHS*A WITH--

ALL
RIGHT, I'M
COMING.



STUNNERS
ARE DOWN.
WHOLE LINE'S
BACKED
UP.

I'LL
GET 'EM
FIXED.

NAH,
WE AIN'T
GOT TIME FOR
THAT. *KILLIN'*
FLOOR'S GOT
TO GET BACK
TO *KILLIN'*,
PRONTO.



NEED YOU
TO HANDLE
THIS THE *OLD-
FASHIONED*
WAY.

*MUSCLE
AND STEEL.*



WHEN I WAS FOURTEEN YEARS OLD, I BUILT A HELMET IN MY PARENTS' GARAGE THAT FIRED AN ULTRASONIC STUN BEAM TO SAFELY PACIFY ASSAILANTS.

I CALLED IT THE PEACEMAKER.



NOT LONG AFTER, MEN CAME FROM *LAZARUS CORP*, SIGNED ME TO A CONTRACT THEY SAID WOULD BE WORTH *MILLIONS*.

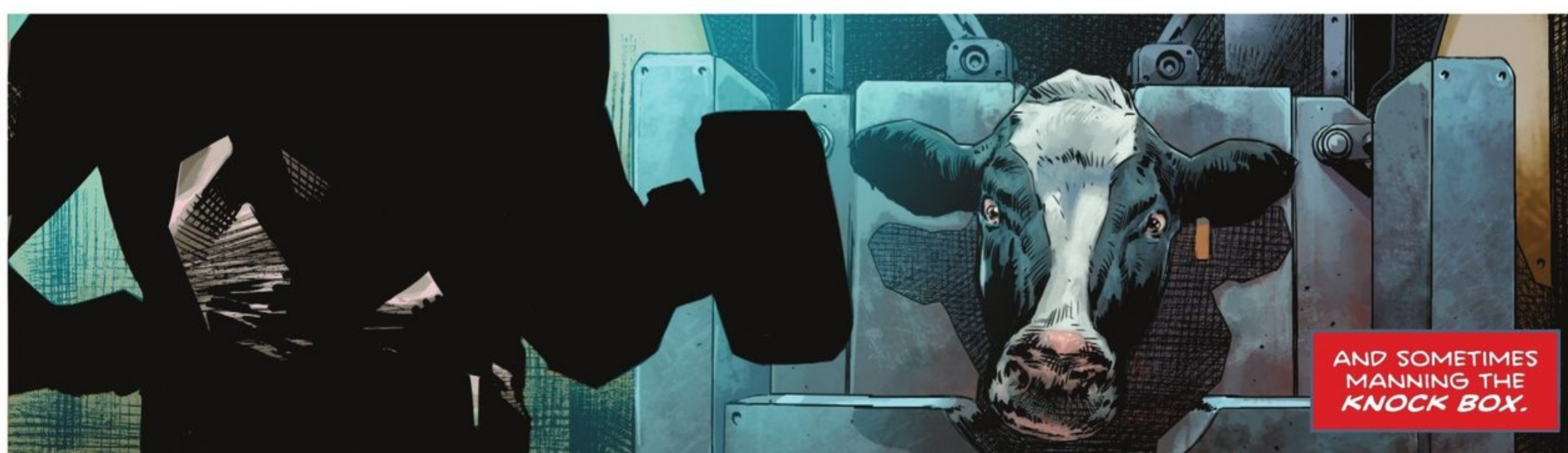
HEY, JOHN HENRY, *THANK YOU* SO MUCH, MAN. CAR IS RUNNING GREAT.

JOHN, MY ABUELA WANTS TO THANK YOU FOR FIXING HER AIR CONDITIONER. ARE YOU SURE WE CAN'T *PAY* YOU SOMETHING?

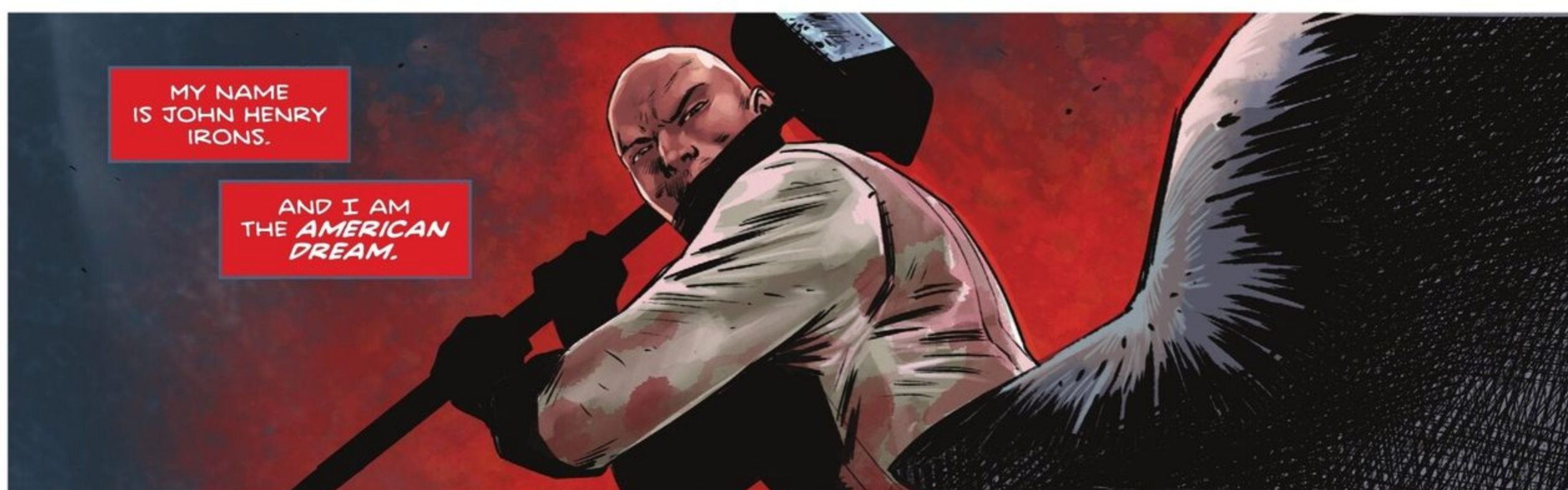


FIVE YEARS LATER, I MAKE \$7.25 AN HOUR AT THE MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA MEAT PROCESSING CENTER.

FIXING THEIR RUN-DOWN MACHINERY.



AND SOMETIMES MANNING THE *KNOCK BOX*.



MY NAME IS JOHN HENRY IRONS.

AND I AM THE *AMERICAN DREAM*.

METROPOLIS. NOW.

I'D BEEN THINKING
ABOUT THIS MOMENT
FOR YEARS.

EVERY TIME I'D
SWING MY HAMMER.
IMAGINING IT WAS
ONE MAN'S SKULL
I WAS SMASHING.

HIS BRAINS SPLATTERED
ON MY SHIRT. HIS BLOOD
CONGEALED ON MY BOOTS.

I IMAGINED EVERY POSSIBLE
WAY THIS NIGHT COULD GO.
PLANNED METICULOUSLY FOR
DOZENS OF EVENTUALITIES.

FIVE MINUTES IN...
AND EVERY PLAN
I EVER HAD'S GONE
STRAIGHT TO **HELL**.

HOW
LONG?*

HOW
LONG WAS
I LEFT FOR
DEAD?!

*TRANSLATED FROM
ANCIENT EGYPTIAN.



WHO THE HELL IS THAT?

CAN YOU TELL WHAT LANGUAGE HE'S SPEAKING? I HEAR ELEMENTS OF HEBREW AND ARABIC, BUT...

IT'S *MIDDLE EGYPTIAN*. A LANGUAGE FROM FOUR THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

GREAT. AND WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?



NO. WHAT HAVE WE *DONE*?

FATHER, WHY WERE WE WASTING OUR TIME ON THE SUPERBOY WHEN *THIS* MAGNIFICENT SPECIMEN WAS ALREADY LOCKED IN THE BASEMENT?

I BELIEVED SUPERMAN COULD BE *CONTROLLED*.



BUT THERE IS NO CONTROLLING KING SHAZAM.

GAARGH! THAT NOISE!

WHY IS THE WORLD SO DAMNABLY LOUD?!



WHAT HAVE YOU PEOPLE *DONE* TO IT?!



I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE FEELING, BELIEVE ME.

YOU'RE *CONFUSED*, YOUR SENSES *OVERWHELMED*. I CAN HELP YOU, I PROMISE.



YOU JUST NEED TO *CALM*--

SUPERMAN'S MIND AND MUSCLES OPERATE AT A SPEED *FAR BEYOND* THE LIMITS OF WHAT WAS LONG BELIEVED POSSIBLE.

AND I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN...



...HE NEVER
EVEN **SAW**
THE PUNCH.

**SECONDS
LATER.**

**1100 MILES
AWAY.**

**SOMEWHERE
IN WYOMING.**



WHERE AM I?!
WHAT **PRETENDER**
HAS SEIZED THE
THRONE OF THE
PHARAOH?!

WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE TO
THE WORLD I WAS
POISED TO
SAVE?!



TALIA, GIVE
ME THE **FATHER**
BOX. THEN LEAVE
THIS PLACE AT
ONCE.

AND KNOW
THAT I **LOVED**
YOU THE BEST I
COULD.

A TOUCHING
SENTIMENT, FATHER.
BUT YOU SEEM TO BE
FORGETTING
SOMEONE.



I HAVE **NO IDEA** WHO YOU
ARE OR HOW I MIGHT
HAVE WRONGED YOU.

THOUGH I
WOULD IMAGINE
I **DESERVE** YOUR
WRATH.

BUT
EITHER
WAY, WE
DON'T HAVE
TIME FOR
THIS RIGHT
NOW!



DO IT!
REMEMBER
HER **SCREAMS!**
NOW IT'S **HIS**
TURN!

THIS...
THIS IS
FOR...



YOU!



THAT BOX BELONGED TO THE WIZARDS BRAINIAC! WHERE ARE THEY?! WHERE ARE THOSE WHO MADE ME?

WHO BETRAYED ME?!

HGGWK!

WAIT!



I AM RA'S AL GHUL, LORD OF THIS HOUSE. IT WAS UNDER MY ORDERS THAT YOU WERE KEPT HERE.

IF YOU SHOULD BE ANGRY WITH ANYONE, TETH-ADAM, IT IS ME.

PLEASE, LET MY DAUGHTER GO.



AGGH!

IF YOU KNOW WHO I AM, THEN YOU KNOW WHAT I HAVE LOST!

I KNOW YOU WERE A SLAVE WHO ROSE TO BE PHARAOH OF ALL EGYPT.



OF ALL THE WORLD! UNTIL IT WAS STOLEN FROM ME!

SOME THINGS HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE YOUR TIME, YOUR MAJESTY. BRAINIACS ARE STILL NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN? HOW LONG WAS I ASLEEP?



AS RECORDED IN THE SECRET HISTORIES OF THE HALL OF JUSTICE... IT'S SAID TETH-ADAM REIGNED AS PHARAOH OF THE BLACK LAND FOR ALL OF EIGHT DAYS.

MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND YEARS AGO.



THREE...
THOUSAND...

BEFORE YOU
DO ANYTHING, I
BEG YOU, HEAR
MY WORDS.

THOSE WHO
IMPRISONED YOU
PASSED FROM THE
EARTH MILLENNIA
AGO.

BUT THIS
WORLD REMAINS
UNDER A CAUL OF
DARKNESS.

I KNOW...
FOR I MYSELF
LONG LABORED TO
KEEP IT THERE.

I WAS A KEEPER
OF THE DARKNESS. I
WAS THE ABSOLUTE POWER,
CORRUPTED ABSOLUTELY.
I WAS ONE OF THE MOST
IRREDEEMABLE MEN
WHO HAVE EVER
LIVED.

BUT ONLY
RECENTLY I HAVE
COME... TO KNOW
REGRET. FOR
ALL I EVER
WAS.

THAT
MEANS...
THERE IS HOPE
FOR THIS WORLD,
FOR THOSE WHO
ARE LOST.

THAT
HOPE HAS
A NAME.
IT IS...

THE WIZARDS...
THAT NIGHT IN
THE DESERT, THEY
GRANTED MY
WISH.

THEY GAVE
ME MANY GIFTS,
INCLUDING THE
WISDOM OF KING
SOLOMON.

THAT
MEANS I
KNOW LIES
WHEN I HEAR
THEM!

WAIT!
I SPEAK
THE--

FWHOOOOSH



WHASHHEEEEEK

SPLECH

SPLAT

FUMP

FATHER...?

WHAT
DID YOU
DO?!



YOU THINK I
DIDN'T WANT TO
KILL THAT MAN
FOR WHAT HE'D
DONE?!

I DID
EVERYTHING I
COULD TO **SAVE**
HIM! AND YOU
JUST--

**KADADDA-
KOOOOOM**

WHAT IN
THE NAME OF
THE GODS ARE
YOU SUPPOSED
TO BE?

**EEI
R
GH!**

"EYES OF FIRE,
STRENGTH BEYOND
IMAGINING. WALKS
AMONG THE CLOUDS
WITH THE DUST OF HIS
HOME UPON HIS
BACK."

LITTLE
CHILD...WHO
MADE YOU IN MY
IMAGE?



HMPH.
A
CHEAP COPY,
NOTHING
MORE.

KA-BOOM



WHAT...THE
HELL JUST
HAPPENED?

RUN!
GET OUTTA
HERE! **GO!**



FATHER...
DAMN YOU.
HOW **DARE**
YOU.

HOW DARE
YOU LEAVE
ME **ALONE** IN
THIS PLACE.



I PROMISE
I WILL **BURN**
IT ALL IN YOUR
BLESSED
NAME.



SWOOOSH



LOIS...
PLEASE, DON'T
REMOVE THE
WATCH AGAIN. ITS
CRYSTALS WILL
TEND TO YOUR
WOUND.

EMERGENCY
PERSONNEL ARE
ON THE WAY.



HERE'S
YOUR *GUN*
BACK.



KAL...
I...

FWOOOSH



STINGS, DOES IT?
DISAPPOINTING
YOUR PRECIOUS
ALIEN.

FACE IT,
LANE, WE ARE
BOTH OUR
FATHER'S--

SHUT
THE HELL UP,
TALIA.



KRAKKAKOON



TETH-ADAM.

SSSSS

I COME
NOT TO
FIGHT.

YOU SPEAK MY
LANGUAGE?

A
LITTLE, YES.
I, UH...

I DON'T
KNOW HOW
TO SAY "I JUST
READ A BUNCH
OF BOOKS AT
SUPER-SPEED."

I'M
SORRY FOR WHAT
HAPPENED TO YOU. I
KNOW THIS MUST BE
DIFFICULT.

BUT THE
MAN YOU KILLED,
SUCH A THING IS
AGAINST THE
LAW IN THIS
TIME.

REALLY?
THEN WHY DO I
HEAR SO MUCH
SCREAMING?

SO
MUCH WAILING
AND GNASHING OF
TEETH? FROM ALL
ACROSS THIS BRAVE
NEW WORLD OF
YOURS?



PERHAPS
KILLING IS ONLY
WRONG WHEN IT'S
MEN LIKE ME
WHO DO IT?

THAT
ISN'T
TRUE.

ISN'T IT? I
THINK THE WAY OF
THE WORLD HASN'T
CHANGED MUCH
AFTER ALL.



"DURING MY REIGN, IT TOOK
TWO DAYS FOR ME TO **FREE**
EVERY SLAVE IN EGYPT.

"ON THE THIRD
DAY, I ENDED
ALL WAR.

"GIVEN TIME, I WOULD'VE
MADE A **PARADISE** OF
THE ENTIRE WORLD.



INSTEAD, THOSE
WHO WOULD NOT
SEE CHANGE
LOCKED ME
AWAY.

AND
APPARENTLY,
IN MY STEAD,
THEY MADE...
YOU.



I ASSURE
YOU, KING
SHAZAM...I AM A
COPY OF NO
MAN.

PLEASE, I
DON'T WANT
ANYONE ELSE
TO GET--

I THINK
THAT I WAS
AWAKENED BY
MISTAKE, AND
THAT MAN MY
SANDCLOAK TORN
ASUNDER...



...HE WAS ONE
OF THIS WORLD'S
RULERS. THE ELITE. THE
UNTOUCHABLES.

SO FOR MY
CRIMES, I'M TO BE
REBURIED, FORGOTTEN
ALL OVER
AGAIN.

YOU HAVE
MY WORD--I
WON'T ALLOW
THAT TO--

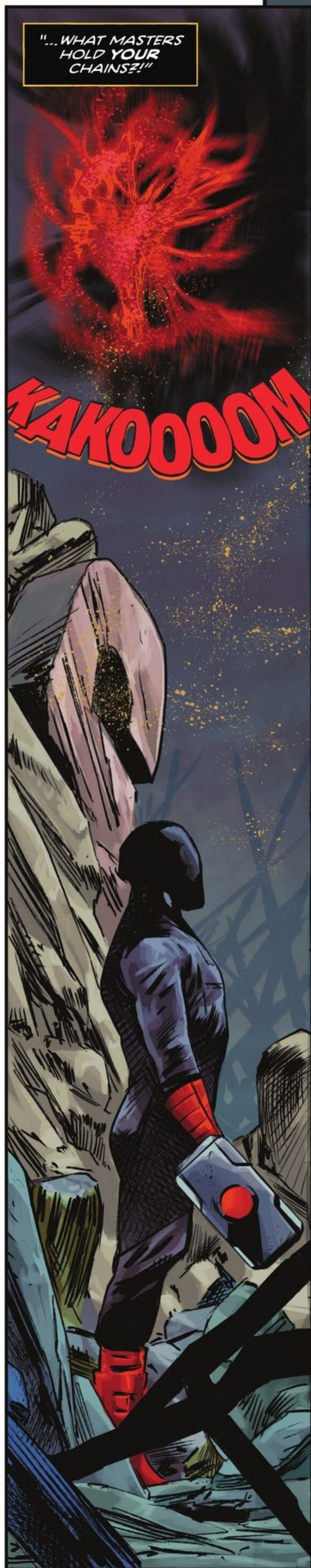


THREE THOUSAND
YEARS, AND STILL
THE LORDS OF THE
LAND CANNOT ABIDE
A FREED SLAVE
WHO CAN FLY.

STOP.
PLEASE DON'T
DO THIS.

SO TELL
ME, SLAVE
OF THIS NEW
WORLD...

KKRRKLE



"...WHAT MASTERS
HOLD YOUR
CHAINS?!"

SCREAMS IN
THE THUNDER.

TWO STORMS
ARE FIGHTING IN
THE SKIES ABOVE
METROPOLIS.

WHY THE
HELL AM I
STILL HERE?

DROP THE
WEAPON!



DROP
IT! DO IT
NOW!

TURN AROUND
SLOWLY WITH YOUR
HANDS IN THE
AIR!

GET
ON THE
GROUND!

DON'T YOU
MOVE!



I BUILT THIS WHILE
I WAS LIVING IN
MY *CAR*.

NO ONE
CARES! GET ON
THE DAMN GROUND
OR WE BLOW
YOU AWAY!

I JUST
WANTED
SOMEBODY
TO KNOW
THAT.



GAKOOOOSH



THE PUNCHES
FLY LIKE
LIGHTNING.

ONE EVERY
MILLISECOND.

FISTS
CRACKLING WITH
A BILLION JOULES
OF POWER.

AIR AROUND
THEM HEATED TO
HOTTER THAN THE
SURFACE OF
THE SUN.



AND I'M
JUST A GUY
IN A SUIT.

WITH A HAMMER
I'M STILL HALF
AFRAID MIGHT
EXPLODE.

I THOUGHT I
CAME HERE TO
KILL A MAN.



INSTEAD
I FIGHT TO
SAVE ONE.



AFTER THAT,
EVERYTHING BECOMES
A *BLUR*.

WE BLOW OUT EVERY
WINDOW FOR TEN
SQUARE BLOCKS IN
METROPOLIS.

SUBSONIC.



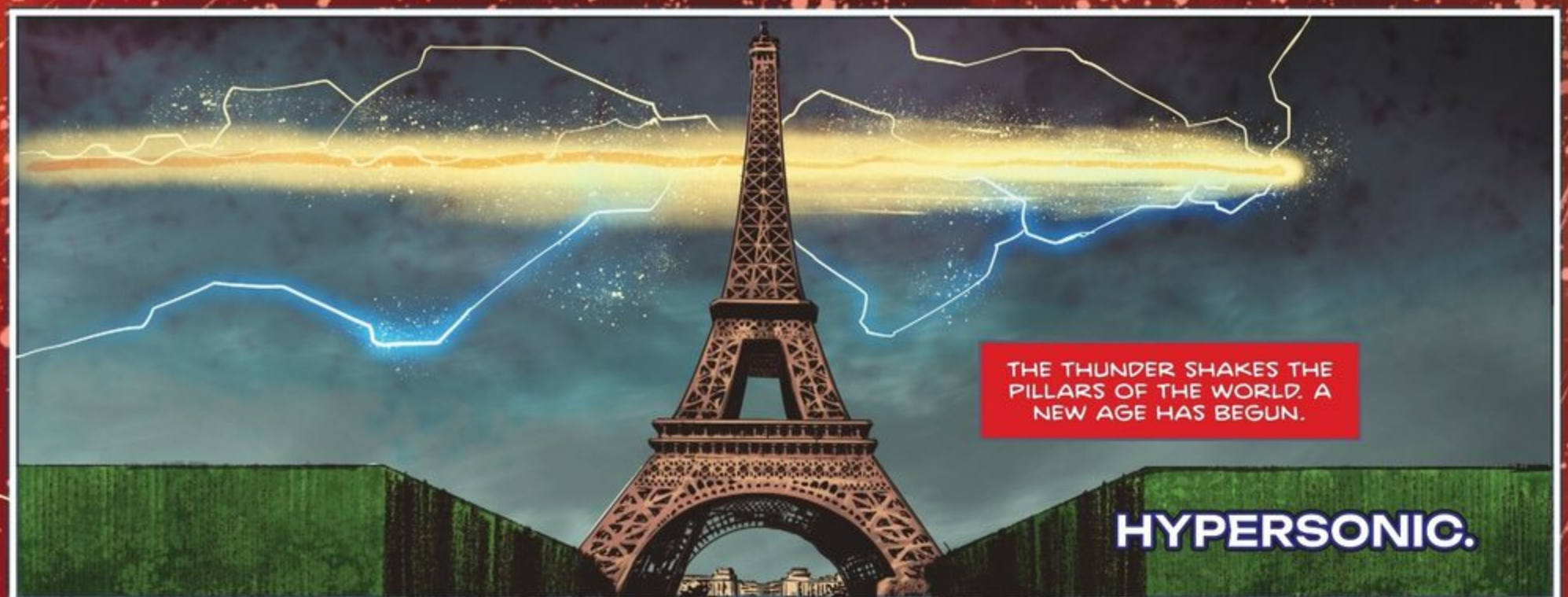
I GET BURST EARDRUMS
AND A CONCUSSION
SOMEWHERE OVER BRAZIL.
OR MAYBE IT WAS SIBERIA.

TRANSONIC.



SUPERMAN
VOMITS BLOOD
ACROSS TWO
CONTINENTS.

SUPERSONIC.



THE THUNDER SHAKES THE
PILLARS OF THE WORLD. A
NEW AGE HAS BEGUN.

HYPERSONIC.



SO BEGINS THE
REIGN OF THE
SUPERMAN.

MACH 25.







...OR HAS THIS
"SUPERHERO
THING" GOT OUTTA
HAND?

ABSOLUTE SUPERMAN

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PART TWO

*RED STEEL
IN THE HOUR
OF CHAOS*

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH
THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.

NEXT

**WAR
IN THE
CLOUDS!**



BARBARA GORDON BREAKOUT

#1 PREVIEW

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YOU LOOK FAMILIAR IN A "I'M GOING TO HAVE TO KILL YOU NOW" KIND OF WAY.

YOU DON'T SAY.

Die. She thinks she's the daughter of Two-Face (not Harvey Dent, but Two-Face specifically).

And yes, we've met.

At work.

TO BE CONTINUED IN

BARBARA GORDON
BREAKOUT #1



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